

FINAL MINUTES

***KLAMATH RIVER BASIN FISHERIES TASK FORCE
MEETING
October 14-15, 1999
Miner's Inn
Yreka, California***

October 14, 1999

Agendum 1. Convene and Opening Remarks

Members Present

Representative Seat

Mike Belchik	Yurok Tribe
David Bitts	Task Force Vice-Chair and California Salmon Fishing Industry
Kent Bulfinch	California In-River Sport Fishing Community
John Engbring	Task Force Chair and Department of the Interior
Chris Erikson	Trinity County
Paul Kirk	Humboldt County
Al Olson	U.S. Department of Agriculture
James Wroble	Hoopa Valley Tribe (alternate)
Don Reck	National Marine Fisheries Service
Mike Rode	California Department of Fish and Game
Tessa Stuedli	Klamath County (alternate)
Joan T. Smith	Siskiyou County
Keith Wilkinson	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Members Chuck Blackburn, Elwood Miller, Jr., and Leaf Hillman were not present. Chair John Engbring made the opening remarks and spoke about the upcoming field trip that afternoon. Dave Bitts served as Vice-Chair.

Agendum 2a. Business. Adoption of agenda

Keith Wilkinson asked for the addition of the following item to Agendum 18c: "Task Force Decision."
Mike Belchik asked for the addition of the following item to Agendum 7c: "TWG Attendance."

****Motion** Chris Erickson moved to adopt the amended agenda.**

****Second** Kent Bulfinch seconded the motion.**

****Motion Carried** unanimously.**

Agendum 2b. Business. Adoption of minutes from June 1999 meeting

The following changes were requested for the June 1999 meeting minutes:

- Pg. 2, Agendum 4, third sentence, John Engbring asked that the minutes be changed to state that \$100 million in funding was requested for the following four states: Alaska, California, Oregon and Washington.
- Mr. Wilkinson wanted it to be noted that he abstained on three motions as a family member was involved in some of the proposals. Mr. Belchik wanted it noted that he abstained on three motions as he was involved in the ranking process.
- Member Don Reck was added to the list of members present.

****Motion** Chris Erikson moved to adopt the amended minutes of the last meeting.**

****Second** Keith Wilkinson seconded the motion.**

****Motion Carried** unanimously.**

Agendum 2c. Business. Vice-Chair selection for the February 2000 meeting

Mike Rode will serve as Vice-Chair for the February 2000 meeting.

Agendum 2d. Business. Schedule November Budget Committee meeting

It was decided to have the Budget Committee meeting on November 16, 1999, at the Yreka Fish and Wildlife Office. It was noted that the Budget Committee meetings are open to all Task Force members. The Budget Committee will elect a chairperson at the November meeting.

Agendum 3. Brief review of June meeting actions/general correspondence/status of program

Laurie Simons discussed the status of the assignments from the June meeting. (See Attachment 4 of June 1999 meeting minutes.):

- (Agendum 5d) A report on the Technical Work Group will be presented during the meeting.
- (Agendum 5e) Letter drafted by Al Olson – this was sent to the Klamath National Forest, Six Rivers National Forest, and Region 5 of the Forest Service.
- (Agendum 5f) As requested, the Task Force has tried to incorporate issues such as the TMDL process, the impact of roads on watersheds and the issue of the five counties in this meeting.
- (Agendum 8) The one-page flow study briefing has not been sent to Representative Herger. It is being edited as part of a briefing to Herger and other congressional delegates.
- (Agendum 10a) An oversight committee was formed to come up with recommendations from the Mid-term Evaluation to the Long Range Plan. Mr. Belchik will present an update on this issue to the Task Force.
- (Agendum 10b) The list of recipients for the Mid-term Evaluation report is provided in the handouts for this meeting. If you have others to distribute this report to, please advise us. We have about 20 copies that we can distribute, after that, we will direct people to the FWS Reference Service to get copies.
- (Agendum 14) Regarding Sub-basin reporting, Kent Bulfinch and Alan Olson provided the Task Force with items to be covered in the Final Report. These were given as handouts to the Task Force.

Dr. Simons discussed the motions made at the last meeting. Dr. Simons summarized the correspondence received since the last meeting. (see Agendum 3 handouts.) Dr. Simons provided an update of the Restoration Program. Items discussed were the following (see Agendum 3 handouts): the distribution list of Mid-term evaluations, the list of FY 1999 projects funded by the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force, the list of FY 1999 discontinued funding in the Klamath Restoration Program, and a corrected list of FY 1999 FWS restoration projects in the Klamath River Basin (the list distributed at the June meeting contained errors).

Of particular concern to the Task Force was the \$91,000 not spent that becomes discontinued funding and is lost to the program. Discussion followed on the reasons for the unspent project funds:

- Mike Rode said much of the unspent funds were probably the result of not being able to implement

the Yurok Tribe stocking program, a drought-related issue. Ron Iverson stated that an issue with that project was that the cooperator's books indicated the funds were expended when the FWS records indicated that additional funds remained. The cooperator was informed about this, but the remaining funds were apparently not needed.

- Mr. Belchik said that the stocking program is not a Yurok Tribal program. He also stated that when TWG ranks programs, one measure is the program's ability to complete the project.

Several suggestions were put forth to deal with the important issue of unspent program funds:

- Mr. Engbring said the Task Force must look at programs carefully when deciding on future funding. Wilkinson said this is a major problem and recommended that the Budget Committee should review these projects before the 5-year completion date—perhaps at 3 years—so that funding is not lost. He added that he doesn't want to create a new task force but an operational plan must be instituted to ensure this does not happen again.
- Mr. Bulfinch said Mr. Wilkinson's idea is a good one, and added that a caveat needs to be added into a contract for those projects that might be completed under budget.
- Mr. Olson asked if it is possible to obtain early progress reports from funded programs. If so, a program can be placed on special notice after three years if it seems likely the funds will not be spent. The Budget Committee could create a more structured process and should be involved in the RFP process.

The issue of reallocating unspent funds was discussed. Mr. Engbring asked if funds could be reallocated if, by the third or fourth year of a project, the funds will not be spent fully. Ron Iverson, FWS, said that once obligated, it is effectively impossible to retrieve these funds. He will check this again with the contracting office in Portland, however he has always been told, unless there is a special situation (i.e. another entity takes over the project), it is not possible to retrieve unspent funds. Dr. Iverson said he will report to the Budget Committee in November after speaking with the contracting office.

**** Motion **** **Kent Bulfinch moved that the Budget Committee will develop a process whereby expenditures of funded projects will be reviewed after three years to ensure a project's timely progress. Ron Iverson will first consult with the contracting office in Portland regarding ways to minimize future discontinued funding.**

**** Second **** **Dave Bitts seconded the motion.**

**** Motion Carried ** unanimously.**

Agendum 4a. Old business. Status of Draft Letter to Secretary Babbitt on Administrative Costs

Mr. Engbring said that Mary Ellen Mueller had reviewed the letter to Secretary Babbitt and had no comments. The letter was signed by Mr. Bitts and was sent. The next step is to have the letter reviewed by solicitors. Letters of support have been received from Representative Herger and Representative Walden (*see Agendum 3 Handouts.*)

Agendum 4b. Old Business. Status of appointment letters/charter

Yreka FWO has received appointment letters for the following members: Leaf Hillman (Karuk Tribe), Chuck Blackburn (Del Norte County), Joan Smith (Siskiyou County), Chris Erikson (Trinity County) and Paul Kirk (Humboldt County.) It was noted that Mr. Kirk is replacing Mitch Farro, who has served for the past 10 years.

Appointment letters have not been received for John Engbring (DOI), Mike Rode (CA Dept. Fish & Game), Dave Bitts (CA Salmon Fishing Industry), Kent Bulfinch (State of CA), Elwood Miller, Jr. (Klamath Tribe), Al Olson (Dept. of Agriculture) and Mike Orcutt (Hoopa Tribe).

The Charter is due to be renewed this year and will soon be signed.

Agendum 4c. Old Business. Status of Funding for Klamath River Flow Study

Funding for the Study was discussed, and a report was forwarded to the OMB in Washington, DC in September. The next step is to wait for the President's Budget proposal for FY2001 in January or February 2000.

Mr. Bitts wanted to discuss the issue in the Klamath Water Users Association letter dated July 14, 1999 asking about funding the flow study upon completion of the Hardy Report. Mr. Engbring, Mr. Belchik, Mr. Rode and Mr. Bullfinch described how the Hardy Reports are interim recommendations using available data, but better information is sorely needed to compile an adequate analysis for our long-term needs.

Agendum 5. Summary of Recent KFMC Meeting

Dave Bitts said he was unable to give an update on the KFMC meeting as the meeting was postponed due to forest fires in the area. The meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for December 8-9, 1999, in Ashland. There has been no other action from the council to date.

Agendum 6. Introductions of Congressional staff in attendance

Dave Meurer, staff member with Representative Wally Herger, spoke on the following issues:

- Mr. Meurer said that Representative Herger's office is available to hear from Task Force members about high-priority consensus items needing funding, and that his office will pursue those requests.
- Mr. Meurer spoke about the letter sent by Representative Herger to Secretary Babbitt on the issue of Task Force administrative costs (*see Agendum 3 handout*). A reply is expected soon.
- Mr. Meurer spoke about HR 2798 Pacific Salmon Recovery Act of 1999, of which Representative Herger is co-sponsor with Representative Mike Thompson, which authorizes on-the-ground salmon recovery and restoration efforts. Mr. Meurer said that Representative Herger's office wants to ensure that there is local control of these funds. Mr. Meurer also spoke about HR 1444 which authorizes funding for fish-passage devices and calls for matching funding. This bill has been amended to add California to the original states of Washington, Montana, Idaho and Oregon.
- Representative Herger, along with other members, made a request for a Congressional hearing on changing ocean conditions affecting West Coast salmon stocks. The hearing will be held in Washington, DC, but a date has not been set.

Agendum 7 Report from Technical Work Group

Agendum 7a. Report on Stream Gauge Needs and Funding

Mr. James Wroble, Hoopa Tribe/TWG Chair, spoke about funding to support the stream gauges on the Trinity and Klamath Rivers. USGS is looking for funding for four more gauges. He said the purpose of the gauges is to collect flow information and that TWG has recommended expanding this to include water quality parameters (i.e. pH, conductivity, water temperature, dissolved oxygen). The annual cost to maintain a gauge is \$15,000. However, this increases to \$24,000 if water quality is factored in and \$28,000 if weather information (rainfall, air temperature) is also included. The intention is that all gauge sites would be telemetered and the results would be accessible via the Internet.

Task Force members discussed the issue of the stream gauges at length. Their comments follow below:

- Ms. Smith asked about funding for the flow gauges, and emphasized that the information resulting from the flow gauges is vital to the work of the Task Force. Jim Bowers, USGS, said the funding to support the gauges has declined from DWR but has been stable from USGS. When local matched funding is not available, non-federal matching funding is sought. Robert Mason, USGS District Operations Chief, said that no gauges were discontinued in 1999 and that there is a commitment to keeping funding going.
- The issue of turbidity was raised. Mr. Erikson asked if the Task Force wants to request turbidity measurements. Mr. Wroble said this is extremely expensive and labor-intensive and the science is questionable. Mr. Bulfinch said Rogue River issues a report of river conditions between Lost Creek and Merlin that includes turbidity. He said that, although these measurements are collected for the fishing industry and not for the health of the fish, this might be worth pursuing. Mr. Engbring said there are probably quick and easy methods to measure turbidity but they won't stand up to scientific/legal scrutiny.
- The DOI's Science Support Program, which supports the work of DOI agencies, was discussed. Mr. Mason said \$5 million is slated towards each of three agencies to carry out USGS work, and the program will expand to include \$3 million for other DOI agencies. Dr. Iverson said FY2002 would be the first opportunity to submit an application for funding. Mr. Mason suggested that since the gauges would be a small request, maybe it could be added late to the FY 2001 budget.
- The Task Force discussed partnership funding for the stream gauges. Mr. Rode said the Task Force just submitted a request for funding through FWS for stream gauges. Mr. Engbring said his sense is that the stream gauges may not be as high ranking a priority as other issues. BIA may have more sympathy for other issues; Olson said that BLM is a partner that could be approached. It was recommended that a letter be written to the BLM. Rode said he would like to have resolution on this issue. It is important to get consensus among different agencies (i.e. BLM, National Park Service, BIA, BOR) in order to submit concurrent applications. TWG intends to upgrade the current gauges and add four more new ones; this will cost \$224,000. Mr. Rode suggested that YFWO Staff contact Reed Goforth to ascertain the procedure for adding on a funding request to the FY 2001 Proposal.

**** Assignment **** YFWO Staff will approach Reed Goforth to ascertain the procedure for adding on a funding request for the stream gauges to the FY 2001 Proposal. Dr. Simons will report her findings at the February 2000 Task Force meeting.

Agendum 7b. Sub-basin Planning and Implementation

Mr. Wroble discussed the status of Dr. Thomas Hardy's Klamath River Flow Study. The Task Force discussed how Dr. Hardy's study fits into the total picture, and the following comments were made:

- Mr. Engbring said this flow study is desperately needed in order to make decisions. He added, however, that the Hardy study was a quick fix using information available, and is not to be considered a long-term study.
- Mr. Belchik said that Dr. Hardy's study is only one piece in understanding the river. However, it is an important piece. He said that the study should be read carefully and that it is not appropriate for the Task Force to discuss its technical merits at this stage. It was always intended as an interim study. The Task Force should therefore not conclude that this is not an adequate study.
- Mr. Bulfinch said the study needs to be refined during Phase 2 to account for years with different water levels.

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Mr. Wroble discussed the work done by the HSU research team, headed by Dr. Yvonne Everett, which is assisting the sub-basin restoration planning efforts. Dr. Everett and a graduate student met three times this summer with CRMP coordinators to formulate a strategic plan to prioritize the most vital objectives for each individual plan. These individual plans will be brought together in one cohesive plan that could be implemented. TWG's goal is to use this to drive the RFP process. Mr. Wroble said one concern is that some sub-basins, notably the Middle and Lower Klamath groups, have not participated in the process. However, at the last TWG meeting, the Lower Klamath was the only sub-basin represented. Ms. Smith expressed concern that the sub-basins are all getting equal funding but some are non-functioning. Ms. Smith said, without full Sub-basin participation, there is a void of information. Mr. Wroble said the problem is more a lack of coordination than a lack of information. Ms. Smith said that CRMPS are funded equally by the Task Force, but perhaps funding should be tied to attendance at TWG meetings. Mr. Engbring said that CRMPS receive funding for more than just the planning process, but this issue should be addressed. Mr. Wroble said that CRMP funding could require meeting attendance.

Another concern is that the funds for HSU have been expended and funding was not approved for next year. The HSU participation is vital to continuing the planning process. Several members suggested that Dr. Everett be invited to speak at the February 2000 meeting to discuss details of the planning process.

**** Assignment **** YFWO Staff will invite Dr. Yvonne Everett (and HSU researchers) to speak at the February 2000 Task Force meeting on the strategic planning process of the Sub-basin Planning Groups.

Agendum 7c. TWG Attendance

Mr. Wroble and Task Force members discussed the issue of low TWG member attendance at TWG meetings with the following comments made:

- There has been consistent participation at TWG meetings by only five or seven members. Some others have not attended for years.
- A copy of the TWG contact list including members was provided (*see handout*). Task Force members were asked to ensure their representatives attend these meetings. Mr. Wroble added that meetings were changed to quarterly and shortened to make them easier to attend.
- Mr. Wilkinson said Oregon is not represented at the meetings. The problem was that the Oregon FWS sent representatives from the Corvallis research station in Corvallis who had no knowledge of the Klamath Basin. Mr. Wilkinson said representatives from the field office should attend.
- Mr. Wroble expressed TWG's concern with the Task Force changing priorities from TWG recommendations for Category 3 funding. Mr. Engbring and Mr. Bitts stated they did not mean to be critical of the TWG, but the Task Force has the prerogative to shift priorities.

The suggestion was made for the TWG to review the budget categories and provide comments to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee can discuss TWG recommendations and make a recommendation to the Task Force.

**** Assignment **** TWG will develop recommendations for funding categories for review by the Budget Committee.

**** Assignment **** Members of the Task Force will review the list of representatives who are scheduled to attend TWG meetings to ascertain actual attendance by members or their representatives.

Agendum 8. Criteria for Sub-basin Planning Group Performance and Annual Presentation Contents for Next Year

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Dr. Simons opened the discussion by giving a brief history of the Sub-basin Planning groups. She spoke about the \$34,000 funding of each group and ways in which to monitor this funding. The groups gave oral presentations at the Task Force June meeting and are also required to provide a Final Report. She suggested that these oral presentations be expanded to address specific topics outlined by the Task Force. (*see Agendum 8 handout*).

8a. Task Force Discussion

Task Force members offered the following feedback:

- Mr. Wilkinson said that the oral presentations for the groups should include a description of project funding to date, which would address the issue of a program coming in under budget. Ms. Smith concurred, saying that accountability is vital.
- Ms. Smith said that the sub-basin groups have limited travel budgets that may discourage the attendance of what is a mostly volunteer group.

Task Force members suggested the following changes to the Agendum 8 handout:

- Mr. Belchik said Item 2, Sentence 2 should read “Describe all participation of all public and private interests.”
- Mr. Bulfinch said volunteer involvement should be included, as well as a category listing all accomplishments.
- Mr. Rode addressed the lack of participation and said that Item 4, Sentence 3 should read “Plans must be compatible with the Long Range Plan and involve the coordination of TWG.” Item 5, Sentence 2 should be expanded to include the following, “and a description of projects funded to date.”
- Mr. Rode suggested adding Item 6 to read, “Document participation in TWG Sub-basin planning and implementation meetings.”
- Mr. Belchik said he wanted an inclusive list of attendance at meetings, so that a sentence would read, “Describe all meetings attended and participation with TWG.”

**** Assignment **** Task Force members will review the list of topics (*see Agendum 8 handout*) and provide comments to YFWO Staff. Staff will create an edited version of presentation topics for the individual sub-basin planning groups for their annual oral progress reports/presentations at the June meeting.

Agendum 8b. Public Comment

Public Comment was called for and the following response was given:

- David Webb, Shasta River CRMP Coordinator, spoke briefly about the oral presentations, saying they are an excellent way to keep the Task Force updated on progress in the field. He suggested that the list of questions formulated by Task Force members should be sub-basin group-specific, thereby avoiding a one-size-fits-all approach.

Agendum 9 Status of Klamath Project and Long Term EIS

Karl Wirkus, Bureau of Reclamation, was not available, so this topic was opened up for discussion. Mr. Rode expressed his concern, saying that this is a vital issue and needs to be addressed at the February 2000 meeting. He said either Mr. Wirkus or Bob Black needs to address the Task Force at that time. Other expressed the same concern.

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- Dr. Simons phoned Mr. Wirkus about attending the February meeting. He confirmed he will attend and asked the Task Force to apprise him of the topics he should address. The Task Force formulated the following list of topics:
- The scope of EIS, the purpose and need and alternatives being developed,
- The proposed timeline,
- The science and the studies (i.e. Hardy's study, etc.) being used to come up with alternatives,
- How the EIS fits in with the biological opinion on coho salmon,
- How the EIS meets tribal trust responsibilities,
- If the long-term EIS is not completed, what will be next year's schedule for the annual planning of project operations,
- How the EIS will address water quality as well as water quantity, and
- The issue of the lack of input from technical meetings, due to a lack of time. The Bureau of Reclamation is preparing alternatives at this point (with a planned draft in the spring for 2000 Operations Plan and a decision by Fall 2000). There is concern that there is not enough time for technical meetings that would develop alternatives.

Tom Shaw spoke about Dr. Hardy's study and said the numbers of fish look good. Sample sites along the river have looked at fry and spawning fish. Vegetation provides cover for fry, so that vegetative cover is studied closely. Mr. Shaw explained that Dr. Hardy is actually using field data in the Phase 2 report whereas Phase 1 is desktop data. Phase 2 may use different water year types.

Task Force members expressed concern that the Hardy study/EIS not be rushed; using assumptions rather than hard data to meet a deadline is not acceptable.

**** Assignment **** YFWO Staff will include Karl Wirkus of the Bureau of Reclamation on the next meeting's agenda and ask him to give an in-depth presentation to the Task Force on the long-term Klamath Project EIS.

October 15, 1999

Reconvene

Members present **Representative Seat**

Dave Hillemeier	Yurok Tribe alternate
David Bitts	Task Force Vice-Chair and California Salmon Fishing Industry
Kent Bulfinch	California In-River Sport Fishing Community
John Engbring	Task Force Chair and Department of the Interior
Chris Erikson	Trinity County
Paul Kirk	Humboldt County
Al Olson	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mike Orcutt	Hoopa Valley Tribe
Don Reck	National Marine Fisheries Service
Mike Rode	California Department of Fish and Game
Don Russell	Klamath County (Tessa Stuedli representing)
Joan T. Smith	Siskiyou County
Keith Wilkinson	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Member Mike Belchik went home ill; Dave Hillemeier served as alternate. Chuck Blackburn, Elwood Miller, Jr., and Ronnie Pierce were not present.

Agendum 10. Update on Department of Interior Instream Flow Needs Assessment

Doug Tedrick, BIA, was not available, therefore this update was postponed for a future meeting. Tom Shaw and others informed the group about their knowledge of the needs assessment process. Phase 1 is finalized and Dr. Thomas Hardy is working on Phase 2. A meeting was held in November to assess the habitat suitability criteria. The meeting was attended by representatives from CDFG, the tribes, FWS, USGS and TWG. Phase 2 will be a refinement of Phase 1 using field data.

Agendum 11. Report from Arcata FWO on field studies and Trinity River Flow Evaluation

Joe Polos was not available due to illness. The Flow Evaluation report is now available. The following comments were made:

- The Trinity EIS will be available in the spring. The comment period will be short.
- There are two different reports: the flow evaluation report, which has no comment period and the EIS, which calls for a comment period and an open meeting December 7, which is the last public hearing.
- Tom Shaw spoke on the TF-funded salmon studies which will be incorporated into SIAM and SALMOD models. He made the following points:
 - The habitat is being studied to see at what flow point does the habitat for fry disappear. He explained if the fish's habitat is lost, the fish are forced downstream. The longer they stay in their habitat, the larger they get before heading for the ocean, and the better their survival rate. Samples have been done to estimate the fish density at different locations, especially along the edge. Mr. Shaw said this year the fish look good. The data has been entered and will be used to calibrate SALMOD (Salmon Production Model).
 - The National Marine Fisheries Service has funded larger presmolt fish studies with the tribes, Dept. of Fish and Game and the Bureau of Reclamation.. The results will be directly incorporated into Phase Two of the Hardy study.
 - The screw trap at Big Bar produced numbers of chinook this year comparable to other years. However, fish stayed upriver longer due to higher flows. Steelhead and coho numbers were higher

this year.

- Six weeks of mainstream spawning studies were conducted this year. Each week the redds are flagged and mapped to compare numbers and distribution.

Task Force members raised several concerns, which Mr. Shaw addressed. These follow:

- Mr. Wilkinson asked if spawning studies are being done in the tributaries. Mr. Shaw said they are not, however he hopes for flow study funds to work with the CRMPs on the Shasta and Scott Rivers.
- Mr. Belchik asked about the spring survey. Mr. Shaw said these have been done the past three years, but these were wet years. Therefore, a model has been used to predict what would occur at a lower flow.
- Mr. Engbring asked whether better water quality accounts for the increased number of steelhead and coho fry. Mr. Shaw said perhaps they have survived in the Klamath because of recent high water years and cooler water temperatures, but there are many factors present.
- Mr. Bitts asked about screwtraps and the breakdown of fish counts. Mr. Shaw said indexes are based on percentages of discharge sampled. Coho and steelhead are now 100 percent marked, which is making counts more accurate. Chinook are fractionally marked. There are different tag codes for different release groups, which gives more accurate number on fish location and size. This data will be included in the study.

Agendum 12. Implementation of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy by the U.S. Forest Service.

Alan Olson, USFS, described the Aquatic Conservation Strategy of the Northwest Forest Plan, and the ways it is being implemented by the Forest Service. He explained that the Forest Service administers two-thirds of the Klamath Basin, mostly the Klamath National Forest. Certain key watersheds have been identified and the focus is on restoration and protection for fish and clean water. Mr. Olson explained riparian reserves, which are lands identified as having the biggest potential impact on watersheds and fish populations. The emphasis of the strategy is on aggressive watershed restoration.

Mr. Olson broke down the work of the Klamath National Forest staff: 25% operations, 30% inventory, 30% restoration, 15% monitoring.

The aquatic conservation program is first identifying the highest risk roads among the Forest's 6,000 mile road base. (High risk is defined as producing the most sediment in streams/watershed.) 1,200 miles of road and 6,000 road crossings were inventoried this year. Most of the funds available are now being used for decommissioning roads. This year 30 miles of road were decommissioned and the number will increase in 2000. The emphasis is also on upgrading those roads that have the most impact on streams (i.e. at stream crossings.)

Agendum 12a. Task Force Discussion

Task Force members raised the following concerns and questions:

- Mr. Belchik asked for a further explanation of road decommissioning. Mr. Olson explained that decommissioning a road usually means a complete reconstruction of the landscape so that it appears as if a road never existed. Culverts are taken away and sediment and hydrologic problems are solved. Fill is removed, an extremely expensive process. The average cost of decommissioning a road without landscaping is \$25,000-30,000 a mile, which includes watershed analysis, compliance with NEPA and hiring of road design engineers.

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- Mr. Erikson asked about long-term plans for areas with decommissioned roads. Mr. Olson explained that the plan is that once a road is taken out, no future roads will exist in that location. The danger is overloading the watershed with sediment when a road is removed. He explained that roads can also be mothballed, which in essence means putting a road on hold, but not removing it.
- Ms. Smith asked about the policy on recreation and roads. Mr. Olson said all analyses are done on both an economic and ecological basis. Roads are looked at for their usage and their social value. The worst roads (i.e. most harmful to fish) are those built in the 1950s, 60s and early 70s.
- Mr. Reck asked about the general trend for road maintenance and decommissioning. Mr. Olson said that road maintenance funding is increasing, however many funds intended for fish protection are being channeled into disaster relief.
- Mr. Olson spoke of the need to have road-impact analysis and restoration plans in place so that action occurs once funding is received. The strategy is a general decline in the number of roads in the Forest. In addition, there are now designs for so-called fish-friendly roads, which use different reinforcement methods of design.

Mr. Olson also spoke about the different educational and public involvement programs now in place, particularly the Salmon River Spring Chinook Dive and Scott Valley Fish Fair, as well as a newly developed Forest Fish Website.

Agendum 12b. Public Comment

Felice Pace spoke about the Klamath Forest Alliance's work. He said that most of the damage has been done, not by fire but by fire suppression and clear-cutting, which creates hotter burn areas. The Salmon River Restoration Council is sponsoring a Roads Workshop November 6-7. He praised the Forest Service's plan and said that the cost of decommissioning a road is far less than repeated reconstruction of the road due to blow-outs.

Agendum 13. Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program

Dan Diggs, Assistant Regional Director for FWS Fisheries Program, Region 1, presented the Fisheries Program to the Task Force. He described the FWS's development of ecoregions and explained the program's ecosystem and watershed management strategies. He mentioned the program's priorities: recovery of listed aquatic species, restoration of interjurisdictional fisheries, fulfillment of mitigation obligations, restoration of depleted fish populations to preclude listing, and providing assistance to tribal and Service lands. He outlined the program's responsibilities, which include restoration of depleted nationally significant fishery resources, fulfillment of mitigation obligations, management of fishery resources on FWS and tribal lands and providing (technical support, technical research and aquatic education) assistance on FWS and tribal lands.

Mr. Diggs described The Lower Snake River Plan with its 23 fish production facilities which mitigate the Columbia dams. There are 42 fish production centers regionally. The program is also beginning to assess and monitor fish health on tribal lands. Mr. Diggs outlined current work of the program:

- Recovery of native aquatic species which includes population assessment, recovery planning and captive propagation.
- Habitat Restorations. There are more than 30 different FWS habitat programs that Fisheries could partner. These programs have been funded through other sources, but better internal collaboration between these programs is needed.
- FWS Assistance to Watershed Councils. Mr. Diggs gave some examples of how this agency has begun to work more at the local level. These include designing, implementing and funding restoration

programs, technical assistance, watershed assessment and work with newly formed fish passage programs.

Mr. Diggs said fish hatchery systems are positioned to ensure they are consistent with conservation of native and wild stock. The program is looking at the issue of genetics because of the consequences of biological interactions between hatchery and native fish.

An emerging issue during the last decade is aquatic nuisance and non-indigenous species, which have had a huge impact on natural native plant and wildlife resources.

Task Force members raised several concerns, which follow below:

- Ms. Smith asked if funding is available for fish passage programs, as Siskiyou County is trying to eliminate all fish barriers. Mr. Diggs said he is trying to work with his field offices to determine the location of all fish barriers. Funding is national, so regional projects face regional competition for funds; partnership projects have the most funding success.
- Mr. Bitts mentioned the problem of ballast water in the shipping industry, saying that there is no legislation on the West Coast affecting this problem. He said this is going to be a major issue.
- Mr. Hillemeier said that the Arcata FWO has done work in Klamath/Trinity Basin and is conducting collaborative efforts, but a dramatic decline in FWS staff has hampered efforts. Mr. Diggs said the Fisheries budget has been flat for the past five or six years and this is a problem. The Bureau of Reclamation funded some of the Arcata work, but this funding is now removed. His goal is to find other sources of funding. Mr. Diggs stated that the more we can demonstrate the results of our program, the more funding interest we will have.
- Mr. Wilkinson said funding is a pressing issue and that the FWS has done an excellent job despite limited funding. FWS regional directors visited Congress recently to discuss funding. Salmon is a priority issue and this translates into more funds. The FY2001 budget request shows a \$30 million increase in funding for Fisheries Programs.

Agendum 14. Presentation of Awards

Mr. Bulfinch presented the Nathaniel S. Bingham Memorial Awards for significant contributions to the restoration of anadromous fishes of the Klamath River. Plaques were presented to the following people:

- Sue Maurer was given the Individual Award for her work as a watershed educator. Noteworthy is her program that is now being used in 50 area classrooms to educate schoolchildren on watershed problems. A U.S. Forest Service employee, Ms. Maurer also established a watershed education program at Etna High School which resulted in career opportunities in the Fisheries field opening up for graduating students. She also served as vice-chair of the Scott River Watershed CRMP and on several committees in support of that group and the Salmon River Restoration Council. Ms. Maurer accepted the award and said she was deeply affected by the work of the late Nathaniel Bingham, who she first met in 1986.
- The Scott River Watershed CRMP received the Organization Award, notably for its hard work and success at bringing together many of the diverse interest groups and landowners. The Scott CRMP has integrated the work of other entities across the watershed, such as the French Creek Watershed Action Group, U.S. Forest Service, County Roads Department, etc. Mr. Bulfinch commended Scott River CRMP members for their active and creative methods of obtaining funding from sources other than the Task Force. Ms. Jeffy Davis accepted the award on behalf of the Scott River CRMP but said the award was for all past and current CRMP members.

Mr. Bulfinch then read out the remaining award recipients and noted the large numbers of teachers involved who have given of their time and energy. Certificates of Appreciation were given to the

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following people: Larry Alexander (Northern California Ecosystem Training Center), John Aviani (Teacher, Weed High School), Richard and Nancy Barnes (Scott Valley landowners), Joe Ferraro (Manager, Tobias Ranch, Scott Valley), Sue and Carl Hammond (Scott Valley landowners), Kirk Heims (Teacher, Tulelake High School), Linda Laramie (Teacher, Orleans High School), Sean Maloney (Manager, Tobias Ranch, Scott Valley), Kathy Duffy McBroom (Salmon River Restoration Council), Rick Meredith (Teacher, Discovery High School), Mark O'Connor (Teacher, Yreka High School), Don Phelps (Scott Valley landowner), Ray and Beverly Platt (Scott Valley landowners), Carol and John Spencer (Scott Valley landowners), Dave Van Scoyoc (Teacher, Butte High School), Tom Tobias (Scott Valley landowner), Kevin Velarde (Teacher, Discovery High School) and Kermith Walters (Teacher, Bogus Elementary). Certificates of Appreciation were given to the following organizations: Hoopa Valley Tribal Council (Duane Sherman, chairperson), Karuk Tribe of California (Alvin Johnson, chairperson) and the Yurok Tribal Council (Sue Masten, chairperson).

Mr. Engbring presented the following awards:

- Dr. Iverson was awarded his 30-year pin for government service.
- Mr. Wilkinson was given a Happy Birthday (his 70th) certificate.
- Dan Diggs was given a Happy Birthday certificate.

Agendum 15. Clean Water Act TMDL Process

John Hannum and Lee Michlin, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Rosa, gave the Task Force a brief overview of the Federal Clean Water Act. The regional water quality control boards participate in the implementation of the regulations of the 30-year-old Act, which are governed by the governors of Oregon and California.

Mr. Hannum described Sections 303 and 319 of the Act:

- Section 303 deals with water quality standards and permits. It defines the characteristics of water quality, requiring the states and tribes to develop implementation plans. 303 requires reduction of point-source pollutant loads, usually caused by industries and municipalities.
- Section 319 deals with management plans of non-point source programs, and requires pollution to be reduced through best management practices (BMPs). 319 deals with all other activities that cause pollution (i.e. agriculture), but Mr. Hannum noted that there is no strict enforcement in place.

Mr. Hannum spoke about the Klamath River and posed the question of how Oregon and California will deal with pollution and pollutants in the River. (For example, he asked, can California require Oregon to reduce loads before the Klamath reaches the California border?) Mr. Hannum gave the following details:

- The Klamath River (OR) does not meet the water quality standards for chlorophyll A, pH, dissolved oxygen nor temperature.
- The Klamath River (CA) exceeds standards for nutrients, dissolved oxygen and temperature only. Speaking about the Scott and Shasta Rivers, Mr. Hannum said the following:
- Listings of these rivers for pollutants are required in 2004-5, according to a recent lawsuit. The California Water Quality Control Board is hiring a staff member to help this area. He noted that watershed groups should develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan before required to do so by law.

Mr. Hannum noted that changes due to litigation are radically altering the program. He recommended that

the Task Force stay involved and work with the agencies. He mentioned the following resources for more information:

- *library.ca.gov/crb*. This outlines the history of water quality changes through the TMDL process.
- *epa.gov/owow/tmdl*. This outlines the newly revised federal EPA regulations.

Agendum 16. Update from Mid-term Evaluation Oversight Committee

Mr. Belchik was not present so Mr. Wilkinson spoke in his stead. He said the committee met September 22 in Arcata and developed proposals to present to the Task Force. (*See Handout Agendum 16*) He said that Mr. Belchik was chair and that Ronnie Pierce orchestrated the proposal, for which the Task Force commends her. Don Reck, Mr. Bitts and Mr. Wilkinson were present. Mr. Wilkinson asked the Task Force to study the proposals to determine whether the subcommittee should conduct more work on priorities.

**** Assignment **** Task Force members will review the recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation Oversight Committee and set priorities for the subcommittee.

Agendum 17. Task Force Signature on Cooperative Agreement with Klamath Watershed Coordination Group (Alice Kilham)

Alice Kilham presented the Cooperative Agreement of the Klamath Watershed Coordination Group to the Task Force for signature. She said the only change from the draft provided last June is that the last sentence of the first paragraph was deleted because Bernice Sullivan is no longer the coordinator. The intent of the agreement is to open the dialogue between the four groups. This is an opportunity to communicate about projects, additional funding and gauge funding. Members of each group are encouraged to attend these meetings.

Mr. Engbring said he sees no problem with adding the Task Force Signature to this group. Mr. Wilkinson concurred and said he supports this. Mr. Bulfinch noted that this agreement will only enhance what we do.

Jim Carpenter, Hatfield Group, said that everyone should be included in the dialogue and that the dialogue must be ecosystem wide.

**** Motion **** Keith Wilkinson moved that the Task Force sign the Cooperative Agreement of the
**** Second **** Mike Rode seconded the motion.
**** Motion Carried **** unanimously.

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Agendum 18. Update from the Long-Term Funding Subcommittee

Mr. Wilkinson said he is the sole member of this subcommittee, which seeks to secure more long-term funding, and this needs to be addressed. He noted that the Agendum 18 handout is the same as the overheads used at the June meeting except that the administrative costs were originally separate from the restoration costs. Mr. Wilkinson said the subcommittee needs direction on the suitability of the requested \$7.475 million of annual funding.

Agendum 18a. Task Force discussion

Comments from the Task Force follow:

- Mr. Bulfinch said he believes the \$7.475 million per year is appropriate and consistent with original appropriations by Congress considering conversions from 1985 dollars to 1999 dollars.

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- Mr. Olson said the Salmon River should be added to the list for restoration projects.
- Mr. Engbring said the subcommittee has come up with the best estimate and now the Task Force must decide how to best proceed.
- Mr. Wilkinson said more membership involvement is needed on, and the subcommittee timeline is as follows:

June 1999 – Subcommittee progress report to TF

October 1999 – TF and KFMC approval

November 1999-March 2000 - Subcommittee coordination

April 2000 - FWS forwards proposal to Washington, DC

Mr. Bulfinch suggested contacting Representative Herger's office to help identify funding areas of the program. Before this is done, the following suggestions were made to improve the proposed budget request:

- The proposal's specific activities should be expanded (i.e. more details).
- A list of approved, but unfunded, projects that were identified as being scientifically and institutionally important, should be included. (YFWO can help with this.)

More comments on the topic of long-range funding were made, as follows:

- Mr. Wilkinson said the issue of funding is not so much the amount of funding requested but the means of obtaining it.
- Mr. Rode said that funding through agencies is difficult and perhaps trying through respective congressional representatives will ensure more success.
- Mr. Orcutt said both the Pacific States Marine Commission and the California Water Commission could be approached, and the Task Force should be coordinating with those agencies.
- Paul Kirk said long-range restoration funding is handled in the Trinity River area by an assessed mitigation fee on people receiving the water. There should be a way to organically fund restoration funds on the Klamath River as well.
- Mr. Engbring said it was important that this be an add-on funding as opposed to taking the funds from various agency budgets. He also added that non-federal Task Force members should pursue funding requests.
- Ms. Smith said that the trend in Congress is away from funding studies, and that the Task Force needs to ask for specific funds for specific projects that will show results.
- Mr. Bulfinch recommended obtaining Dr. Aaron Douglas' economic study on anadromous salmon from the Ecological Center which was scheduled to be released this summer and would provide excellent back-up support for any funding requests.
- Mr. Kirk stated that he wants to assist the subcommittee with this effort and suggest that other non-federal members do so as well.

The Task Force made the following assignments:

**** Assignment **** YFWO Staff will contact Dr. Aaron Douglas regarding his economic report on anadromous fish in the Klamath Region.

**** Assignment **** Non-federal Task Force members will work with Keith Wilkinson and Ron Iverson to expand and elaborate on details of proposals of the Long-Term Funding Subcommittee. Congressional representatives will be consulted during this process. Task Force members will present their findings at the February 2000 meeting.

**** Assignment **** CRMP members will be encouraged to develop individual action plans for the Sub-basin planning process.

Agendum 19. Five Counties Salmon Conservation Planning Process

Mark Lancaster, Trinity County Planning Dept., offered some background on the Five Counties Process, saying that this is an opportunity for counties to work together on salmon restoration projects. The five counties are Del Norte, Trinity, Mendocino, Siskiyou and Humboldt. The first task of the group was to ask county boards of supervisors to look at issues from a watershed basis rather than a county boundary basis. Fishery biologists who work in each county have gotten together and developed priorities for restoration projects across the five counties. One problem is that many counties do not have a written policy on salmon recovery, so recovery programs are haphazard.

The University of California did a review of the effectiveness of salmon protection by counties and found the following:

- Salmon are not identified as an important issue in General Plans,
- Salmon are part of the CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) review,
- Counties often undertake protective measures for salmon,
- Timber harvest plans require less road protections than subdivisions, as required by DFG, and
- Counties are behind 75% on routine road maintenance because of storms in the past five years.

A grant to inventory roads and future disposal sites will begin in January 2000. Old culverts are beginning to deteriorate, therefore the grant will allow the nine most critical culverts to be replaced and will create 13 models of habitat with jump pools for salmon.

Agendum 20. Status of Recovery Planning by NMFS

Mr. Reck presented a short synopsis of NMFS's Recovery Planning, and gave the following details of the planning process:

- The Planning will happen in two phases: Phase One, which deals with setting listing and recovery goals for each ESU and Phase Two, which will evaluate the ability of different management strategies to achieve goals.
- To carry out this planning, NMFS will solicit geographically based recovery teams made of six to nine people who have the following qualifications: achievement in relevant discipline, high standards of scientific objectivity, interdisciplinary team experience and knowledge of West Coast habitat. Each Recovery Team will have a NMFS facilitator.
- The nomination process/mailling for these teams will occur in the next six weeks. During Phase One, the teams will look at population criteria, habitat criteria, limiting factors and early actions for

recovery. In Phase Two the teams will develop actions to achieve their goals.

Agendum 20a. Task Force Discussion

Task Force members asked several questions about the Recovery Planning process:

- Mr. Bitts asked what is the suitability of the LRP as a Recovery Plan. Mr. Reck replied that by law, a Recovery Team must develop delisting standards. The plan's philosophy is not to reinvent the wheel, but to look at existing work to date.
- Mr. Hillemeier asked how the coho fits in with the listed ESUs. Mr. Reck said that resources will be limited and it is unlikely that recovery plans will occur in all three California regions. Currently, the unprotected steelhead in Southern California are a high priority, whereas the Central Valley is a low priority with many existing restoration projects. Northern California falls in the middle.
- Mr. Orcutt asked about a public review process and a schedule for the process. Mr. Reck said there are no statutory time limits, but that it will likely take two to three years for the teams to develop a recovery plan.

Agendum 20b. Public Comment

Several members of the audience expressed concern that not enough time was given for public comment at the end of each agendum. Several specific comments were made, which follow:

- Larry Toelle, Yreka County resident, reiterated the need for more public comment time.
- Ray Miller, timber faller and member of People for the USA, expressed his concern about the "disconnect" between government and the public. He said that the Five County Plan is one example of taking a local issue out of the hands of the public and giving too much power in the hands of the government.
- Marcia Armstrong, Siskiyou County Cattlemen's Association and Siskiyou County Farm Bureau thanked the Task Force for meeting in Yreka and then criticized the Task Force for not having representation of agricultural interests. Therefore, she opposes increased funding of this group. She also added that the two organizations she represents are resigning from the Scott River CRMP, and that although they support many of the projects, not enough landowners are represented. She believes only through more dialogue and education of landowners will the salmon be helped.
- Mr. Pace again spoke for the need for more public comment time. He explained the TMDL process in more depth. He also requested that the Task Force address NMFS's decision stating that Spring Chinook are not a distinct ESU as this will create problems, he believes. He criticized the Task Force for what he perceives is a trend towards information rather than action, and spoke of the fear that citizens are becoming polarized over environmental issues, which will not help fish or the community.

In response to public comments, Mr. Engbring said he will look at the legalities of public comment in the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and attempt to incorporate more time for the next Task Force meeting.

Agendum 21. Recap and summary of Assignments and Motions

Mr. Engbring summarized the list of assignments and motions (see attached list).

Agendum 22. Date and Location of June 2000 Task Force meeting

The next meeting, scheduled for June 28-29, 2000, will be held in either Eureka or Arcata. The Budget Committee meeting will be held November 16, 1999 in Yreka at the YFWO.

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The following Task Force members attended the meeting:

<u>Members present</u>	<u>Representative Seat</u>
Mike Belchik	Yurok Tribe (Dave Hillemeier alternate Oct. 15)
David Bitts	Task Force Vice-Chair and California Salmon Fishing Industry
Kent Bulfinch	California In-River Sport Fishing Community
John Engbring	Task Force Chair and Department of the Interior
Chris Erikson	Trinity County
Paul Kirk	Humboldt County
Al Olson	U.S. Department of Agriculture
Mike Orcutt	Hoopa Valley Tribe
Don Reck	National Marine Fisheries Service
Mike Rode	California Department of Fish and Game
Don Russell	Klamath County (Tessa Stuedli representing)
Joan T. Smith	Siskiyou County
Keith Wilkinson	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

The individuals listed below also attended the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Marcia Armstrong	Siskiyou Co. Farm Bureau
Pat Arnold	Siskiyou Daily News
Ann Bourinskie	Private Citizen
Jim Bowers	USGS
Jim Carpenter	Hatfield Group
Stephanie Carpenter	Private Citizen
Earl Danosky	Tulelake I.D.
Brie Darr	FWS
Jeffy Davis-Marx	Scott CRMP
David Dawdy	Private Citizen
Doris Dawdy	Private Citizen
Jim De Pree	Siskiyou County
Dan Diggs	FWS
Larry Dugan	USBR
Darla Eastman	FWS
Angel Gomez	Shasta CRMP
John Hannum	North Coast Water Quality Board
Dave Hill	FWS
Don Howell	Scott CRMP
Ron Iverson	FWS
Alice Kilham	Klamath Compact Commission
Mark Lancaster	Trinity County

Lorie List	Private Citizen
Neil Manji	CDFG
Robert Mason	USGS
Sue Maurer	Scott CRMP
Ken Maurer	Private Citizen
Lee Michlin	North Coast Water Quality Board
Ray Miller	Private Citizen/People for the USA
Howard Moody	Siskiyou County
Dave Meurer	Rep. Herger Office
Todd Olson	PacifiCorp
Felice Pace	KFA
Ray Platt	Siskyou Co. Farm Bureau
Randall Seelbrede	Natural Resources Conservation Service
Tom Shaw	FWS
Jennifer Silveira	FWS
Laurie Simons	FWS
Larry Toelle	Private Citizen
Dave Webb	Shasta CRMP
Beverly Wesemann	FWS
James Wroble	Hoopa Tribe/Chair TWG

FINAL AGENDA
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- 8:00 am 1. Convene and opening remarks. John Engbring, chair and Dave Bitts, vice chair.
- 8:15 2. Business
- a. Adoption of agenda
 - b. Adoption of minutes from June 1999 meeting
 - c. Vice chair for next meeting is Mike Rode
 - d. Schedule November Budget Committee meeting
- 8:45 3. Brief review of last meeting actions/general correspondence/program update (Simons)
- 9:15 4. Old business (Engbring)
- a. Status of letter to Secretary Babbitt on administrative costs
 - b. Status of appointment letters/charter
 - c. Status of funding for Klamath River Flow Study
- 9:30 5. Summary of Recent KFMC Meeting (Bitts)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:15 6. Introductions of Congressional Staff in Attendance
Dave Muerer, Representative Herger's office
- 10:30 7. Report from Technical Work Group (Wroble)
- a. Report on Stream Gauge Needs and Funding
 - b. Sub-basin Planning and Implementation
 - c. TWG attendance
- 11:15 8. Criteria for Sub-basin Planning Group Performance - Annual Presentation Contents for Next Year (Simons)
- a. Task Force Discussion
 - b. Public Comment
- 11:45 9. Status of Klamath Project and Long-term EIS (Wirkus)
- Noon Field trip to Iron Gate Hatchery, Bogus Creek, and Shasta River counting facility. Mark Pisano, California Department of Fish and Game, will lead the field trip. Stop off to get sandwiches etc. at one of the places in town (list provided) and meet us at the hatchery. There are some picnic tables at the hatchery. FWS will help with transportation for members. The public is invited, but will have to provide their own transportation.
- 5:00 - 7:00pm Social Hour - Meet us at the Miner Street Pub for a get together. They have an assortment of beer and wine. Its on the northwest corner of Main and Miner streets (across from Denny's).

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- 8:00 am 10. Update on Department of Interior Instream Flow Needs Assessment (Tedrick)
- 8:20 11. Report from Arcata FWO on field studies (Halstead) and Trinity River Flow Evaluation (Polos)
- 9:00 12. Implementation of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy by the U. S. Forest Service - Contributions to Salmon Restoration (Olson)
a. Task Force discussion
b. Public Comment
- 9:30 13. Fish and Wildlife Service Fisheries Program - Dan Diggs, Assistant Regional Director for Fisheries, Region 1
- 9:45 14. Presentation of Awards (Bulfinch and Engbring)
- 10:00 Break
- 10:20 15. Clean Water Act TMDL Process - how might this constrain non-point pollution? John Hannum, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, Santa Rosa
a. Presentation
b. Task Force discussion
c. Public Comment
- 10:40 16. Update from Mid-term Evaluation Oversight Committee (Belchik)
a. Task Force discussion - include discussion of having a retreat
b. Public Comment
c. Task Force decision
- 11:00 17. Task Force Signature on Cooperative Agreement with Klamath Watershed Coordination Group (Kilham)
a. Task Force discussion
b. Public Comment
c. Task Force decision
- 11:20 18. Progress toward an organized community effort to secure more funding
Update from Long-term Funding Sub-committee (Wilkinson)
a. Task Force discussion
b. Public Comment
c. Task Force decision
- 11:40 Lunch
- 1:00 19. Five Counties Salmon Conservation Planning Process (Kirk and Smith)
a. Task Force discussion
b. Public Comment
- 1:30 20. Status of Recovery Planning by National Marine Fisheries Service (Reck)
a. Task Force discussion
b. Public Comment
- 2:00 21. Recap and summary of assignments and motions. Identify agenda to include in the next meeting. (Engbring)
- 2:15 22. Set the date and location of the meeting after next (next meeting is Brookings, Feb.

10, 11, 2000).

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Adjourn

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Agendum 3 Handout	Letter to NMFS and The Resources Agency, Subject: Restoration Activities of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries TF, July 2, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from TF to Mike Lee, Klamath National Forest, Requesting Continued Forest Service Support, July 13, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from Klamath Water User's Association to the BOR Klamath Area Office, subject: "Hardy" report, July 14, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from TF to Brad Powell, Acting Regional Forester, Requesting Continued Forest Service Support, August 20, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from Bureau of Reclamation, Subject: Status Report on Klamath Basin Water Supply Initiative, August 31, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from TF to Secretary of the Interior, Subject: Department of Interior Administrative Funding for the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Restoration Act, September 1, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from Representative Walden, September 13, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from Representative Wally Herger to the Secretary of the Interior, Dated September 24, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Letter from Elizabeth Stevens, Acting Manager, C/NO, to David Bitts, Vice Chair TF, in reference to September 1, letter dated October 14, 1999
Agendum 3 Handout	Distribution List of Mid-term Evaluation
Agendum 3 Handout	List, FY 2000 Projects Funded By The Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force
Agendum 3 Handout	FY 1999 Discontinued Funding in the Klamath Restoration Program
Agendum 3 Handout	FY 1999 FWS Restoration Projects in the Klamath River Basin
Agendum 6 Handout Agendum 7 Handout	Points presented by Dave Muerer TWG Status Report to the Task Force on Klamath River Flow Gauges, Prepared by Ross Taylor and Mike Belchik, dated October 5, 1999
Agendum 7 Handout	Updated Contact List for the TWG (7/12/99)
Agendum 8 Handout	Sub-basin Planning and Coordination Annual Presentations to the

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Agendum 12 Handout	Implementation of the Aquatic Conservation Strategy by the Forest Service- Contributions to Salmon Restoration, October 15, 1999
Agendum 14 Handout	National S. Bingham Memorial Award presentation recipients list
Agendum 16 Handout	Mid-Term Evaluation Oversight Subcommittee Report
Agendum 17 Handout	Draft Cooperative Agreement, Klamath Watershed Coordination Group
Agendum 17 Handout	Klamath River Basin Compact, September 11, 1957
Agendum 17 Handout	Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996, Authorized Upper-Klamath Basin Working Group
Agendum 17 Handout	Trinity River Restoration Program
Agendum 18 Handout	Draft Long Range Funding Initiative
Agendum 18 Handout	Presentation by Keith Wilkinson/Troy Fletcher: Long-term Funding Proposal for Klamath River Basin Fishery Resources Restoration Act of 1986-2006 (Klamath Act)
Informational Handout	“Notes from Kay”, June 9, 1999 Pioneer Press
Informational Handout	Article, “Chinook runs taken off the hook”, Medford Mail Tribune, September 10, 1999
Informational Handout	Guest Opinion, Howard Brophy, “Are we paper tigers?”, August 23, 1999 Siskiyou Daily News.
Informational Handout	Article, CRMP Corner, Jeffy Davis Marx, Pioneer Press, July 14, 1999
Informational Handout	Article, NMFS and county negotiating ‘pilot project’, September 15, 1999 Pioneer Press
Informational Handout	Shasta River Watershed Group (CRMP), Notice of Meetings
Informational Handout	Letter from Yurok Tribe to Terry Garcia, dated September 26, 1999
Informational Handout	Article, Klamath River Fisheries Group meets this Week, October 12, 1999 Siskiyou Daily News
Informational Handout	Article, On the Wrong Track, North American Fisherman
Informational Handout	Interpretive Center Opening Spring 2000 at Collier Rest Area

ASSIGNMENTS AND MOTIONS
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Assignments:

- Agendum 7a: YFWO Staff will approach Reid Goforth to ascertain the procedure for adding on a funding request for the stream gauges to the FY 2001 Proposal. Dr. Simons will report her findings at the February 2000 Task Force meeting..
- Agendum 7b: YFWO Staff will invite Dr. Yvonne Everett (and HSU researchers) to speak at the February 2000 Task Force meeting on the strategic planning process of the Sub-basin Planning Groups.
- Agendum 7c: TWG will develop recommendations for funding categories for review by the Budget Committee. If necessary, TWG can develop this list and circulate it before the next Budget Committee meeting.
- Agendum 7c: Members of the Task Force will review the list of representatives who are scheduled to attend TWG meetings to ascertain actual attendance by members or their representatives.
- Agendum 8: Task Force members will review the list of topics (*see Agendum 8 handout*) and provide comments to YFWO Staff. Staff will create an edited version of presentation topics for the individual CRMPS for their annual oral progress reports/presentations at the June meeting.
- Agendum 9: YFWO Staff will include Karl Wirkus, Bureau of Reclamation, on the next meeting's agenda and ask him to provide an in-depth presentation to the Task Force on the long-term Klamath Project EIS.
- Agendum 16: Task Force members will review the recommendations of the Mid-Term Evaluation Oversight Committee and set priorities for the subcommittee, such as policy and administrative issues.
- Agendum 18: YFWO Staff will contact Dr. Aaron Douglas regarding his economic report on anadromous fish in the Klamath Region.
- Agendum 18: Non-federal Task Force members will work with Keith Wilkinson and Ron Iverson to elaborate on proposals of the Long-Term Funding Subcommittee. Congressional representatives will be consulted during this process. Task Force members will present their findings at the February 2000 meeting.
- Agendum 18: CRMP members will be encouraged to develop individual action plans for Sub-basin Planning.

Motions:

- Agendum 2a: **** Motion **** Chris Erikson moved to adopt the amended agenda.
**** Second **** Kent Bulfinch seconded the motion.
**** Motion Carried **** unanimously
- Agendum 2b: **** Motion **** Chris Erikson moved to adopt the minutes from the June meeting, with amendments/corrections.
**** Second **** Keith Wilkinson seconded the motion.
**** Motion Carried **** unanimously
- Agendum 3: **** Motion **** Kent Bulfinch moved that the Budget Committee will develop a process whereby expenditures of funded projects will be reviewed after three years to ensure a project's timely progress. Ron Iverson will first consult with the contracting office in Portland regarding ways to minimize future discontinued funding.
**** Second **** Dave Bitts seconded the motion.
**** Motion Carried **** unanimously
- Agendum 17a **** Motion **** Keith Wilkinson moved that the Task Force sign the Cooperative Agreement of the Klamath Watershed Coordination Group.
**** Second **** Mike Rode seconded the motion.
**** Motion Carried **** unanimously.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

The Task Force Budget Committee will meet at 9 a.m. Tuesday, November 16, 1999 at the Yreka FWS Office.

The spring meeting of the Klamath River Basin Fisheries Task Force will take place Wednesday and Thursday, June 28-29, 2000 in Eureka/Arcata.